



## Claire M Adams

March 12, 1929 - February 10, 2016

Claire M. Adams, 86, of Ocean Township, died peacefully surrounded by her family on Wednesday February 10, 2016. She was born on March 12, 1929 , and raised in Jersey City, NJ. She graduated from Holy Family Academy, Bayonne, NJ. Claire moved to Wanamassa in 1957. She worked for the Ocean Township Board of Education for 27 years. She was a secretary at Ocean Township High School and Wanamassa School before retiring in 1994. Claire devoted her life to volunteering at the Arc of Monmouth; she initiated and taught religious classes for special needs children. Her classes were the first special needs children to receive first Holy Communion and Confirmation in New Jersey. Claire felt strongly that persons with special needs should have the same opportunities as other individuals.

Claire was one to “never stay home.” She loved going out to dinner, movies, plays, with friends and family. She will be sadly missed but never forgotten. Claire was predeceased by her husband of 46 years, Peter C. Adams in 1996 , her parents James and Cecelia Dunnigan; her brother James Dunnigan and sister Maureen Surdovel. Surviving are her children Peter C. Adams Jr., Kathleen Gencarelli and her husband George, Christine Richards and her husband Lawrence. Her sister-in-laws, Marilyn Dunnigan and Mary Adams, two grandchildren; Nicole and Ashley Richards. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be on Sunday February 14, 2016 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Bongarzone Funeral Home, 2400 Shafto Road, Tinton Falls. A funeral mass

will be offered at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Asbury Park at 10:00 am. Interment to follow at St. Catherine's Cemetery, Spring Lake. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Arc of Monmouth, 1158 Wayside Road, Tinton Falls.

# Cemetery Details

## Saint Catharine's Cemetery & Mausoleum

1100 West Chicago Blvd.  
Sea Girt, NJ

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 14. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Bongarzone Funeral Home  
2400 Shafto Road  
Tinton Falls, NJ 07712  
(732) 918-6200

## Funeral Mass

FEB 15. 10:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
805 Pine Street  
Asbury Park, NJ

# Tribute Wall

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“ To the Family of Claire Adams,  
Please accept my heartfelt sympathy for the  
loss of this fine lady and colleague, Claire  
Adams. I met Claire when I began teaching at  
Ocean Township High School in  
1968. Instantly she welcomed me with a handshake and a warm  
smile. Through the years there were countless times that she put  
me at ease and advised me in times of concern.  
What was truly special about Claire was her unceasing desire to  
help everyone, in school, in the community, and in her church. She  
will always be remembered for her kindness and selflessness. She  
is, and will continue to be, a role model for us all.  
Aurora Schlegel  
O.T.H.S.- For.Lang.Dept. 1968-2001



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**Aurora Schlegel** - February 16, 2016 at 07:00 PM

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“ Bongarzone Funeral Home lit a candle in  
memory of Claire M Adams



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**Bongarzone Funeral Home** - February 15, 2016 at 01:51 PM

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“ *Mrs. Adams-I have known you since I was about 5 years old. I will always think of you as classy, strong, beautiful and the friendliest and down right nicest person!*  
*I am sorry, Kathy, Chrissy and Peter for your loss. Please know you are not in this alone, you will always have your friends to talk to and who also know how wonderful she was. Rest in peace beautiful lady!!*  
*Chrissy and Bitsy Grant*

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**chris grant** - February 14, 2016 at 11:17 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Claire M Adams.*



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February 12, 2016 at 02:04 PM